

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. 2017-2-E and 2018-2-E ORDER NO. 2018-36-H

MARCH 28, 2018

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of Counsel for the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League (“SCCCL”) and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”) for Expedited Treatment of the Petition for an Order Requiring South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) to Comply with Commission Order No. 2018-55 (“the Petition”)

STANDING HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:

Counsel for SCCCL and SACE requests expedited treatment for the Petition cited above, given the overlap with Docket No. 2018-2. Counsel notes that SCE&G cites to Rule 103-830 (B) (1) – (2) in seeking service directly from the Clerk and an additional 30 days to respond. Counsel also asserts that those rule provisions refer specifically to Petitions for Declaratory Orders and Petitions for a Rule to Show Cause, and the Petition filed by counsel is neither of these. Thus, counsel believes that SCE&G is not entitled to service directly from the Clerk, nor is SCE&G entitled to 30 days to respond. I agree. The Rule cited only applies to Petitions for Declaratory Orders and Petitions for a Rule to Show Cause, not Petitions such as the one contemplated here.

SCE&G has indicated that it intends to respond to the Motion to Bifurcate filed by the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance in Docket No. 2018-2-E by April 2, 2018. As Counsel points out, a response to the SCCCL and SACE Petition would allow the Commission to rule on the matters before the scheduled April 10, 2018 hearing. It appears that the Petition at issue was served on SCE&G electronically and by first class mail on March 21. Given these facts, and the clear need for expedited treatment of the Petition, SCE&G (and other parties who may wish to respond) shall file and serve its response to the Petition at issue on April 2, 2018, which is the same day that it has determined that it will respond to the Solar Business Alliance’s Motion to Bifurcate.